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SUBJECT: CODEL KENNEDY

REF: (A) STATE 298103, (B) STATE 301380

1. WILL SCHEDULE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR 1430 HOURS
JANUARY 9, WITH AIRPORT VIP PRESS ROOM AS LOCALE
SINCE THIS WILL PERMIT SENATOR HOLD CONFERENCE AND BOARD PLANE
WITH MINIMUM INCONVENIENCE.

2. HAVE QUERIED CORRESPONDENTS RE OSAKA FLIGHT.
BUTTERFIELD OF NEW YORK TIMES AND BERNSTEIN OF TIME HAVE
EXPRESSED TENTATIVE INTEREST. JENSEN OF NEWSWEEK HAS
REQUESTED PRC PERMISSION TO ENTER CHINA FOR COVERAGE OF
SENATOR'S VISIT. IF PERMISSION DENIED, JENSEN ANXIOUS
TO ACCOMPANY SENATOR ON HONG KONG-OSAKA
FLIGHT. SHAPLEN REGRETS UNABLE ACCOMPANY ON FLIGHT
BUT INTERESTED IN HONG KONG INTERVIEW IF TIME PERMITS.
AS REQUESTED IN REF A, UPI NOT QUERIED RE FLIGHT.

3. ON BASIS REF B, WE WILL ARRANGE FOR SPECIAL
RAILWAY CAR TO CARRY PARTY FROM BORDER TO KOWLOON
TERMINUS.

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4. CONGEN HAS CONTACTED MR. S.W. IP, PRINCIPAL OF
THE MARYROSE SCHOOL. HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH MRS. SHRIVER AND HOPES SHE WILL FIND TIME
TO VISIT HIS SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL IS RUN BY CHRIST
CHURCH AND IS AFFILIATED WITH THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION
FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN.

5. THE ASSOCIATION IS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AND SUPERVISES A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND VOCATIONAL CENTERS FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. THESE INCLUDE TWO MORNINGHILL SCHOOLS (PRIMARY), FOUR MORNINGLIGHT CENTERS (BASICALLY RECREATIONAL) AND THE PINEHILL VILLAGE WHICH CONSISTS OF A PRESCHOOL CENTER, A TRAINING CENTER AND A SEVERE GRADE UNIT. THE SUPERVISORY BODY IS THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION GROUP FOR AID TO THE MENTALLY RETARDED.

6. THE JFK CENTER FOR SPASTIC CHILDREN IS ONE OF THE 16 SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG RED CROSS THROUGH ITS SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. ESTABLISHED IN 1967 WITH FUNDS FROM THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND, INC. (NEW YORK), THE CENTER HAS A TOTAL PRESENT ENROLLMENT OF 110 CHILDREN. THE CENTER PROVIDES SIX YEARS PRIMARY AND THREE YEARS SECONDARY EDUCATION AS WELL AS MEDICAL AND THERAPEUTIC CARE. MOST OF THE STUDENTS HAVE CEREBRAL PALSY, WITH SOME MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CASES. THE MORE SEVERELY DISABLED RESIDE AT THE CENTER (66 STUDENTS AT PRESENT) WHILE THE REMAINDER ARE DAY STUDENTS. THE CENTER HAS PLANS TO EXPAND ITS FACILITIES NEXT YEAR. FINANCING COMES FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS FROM THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISS FANG IS THE PRINCIPAL. SHOESMITH

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